

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
FEBRUARY 27, 2017**

A.) OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Monroe was called to order at approximately 8:20 PM by **Cncl. Pres., Bart McIlvaine** in the Court Room of the Municipal Complex located at 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey.

This meeting was advertised pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (*NJSA 10:4-6 thru 10:4-21*). Notices were placed in the official publications for Monroe Township (i.e.: South Jersey Times, the Courier Post and the Sentinel of Gloucester County). A copy of that notice is posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex and also on the Monroe Township website.

Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine stated the Clerk has placed a sign-in sheet in the meeting room. If anyone would like to address Council please sign in and you will be recognized during the Public Portion. Kindly state your name for the record.

SALUTE TO FLAG

Cncl. Heffner led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and **Cncl. Miller** offered the invocation. **Cncl. Miller** requested a moment of silence for Police Officer Max Janofsky's wife who passed away this evening.

ROLL CALL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Cncl. Marvin Dilks	Present	
Cncl. Rich DiLucia	Present	
Cncl. Ron Garbowski	Present	
Cncl. Bob Heffner	Present	
Cncl. Joe Marino	Present	
Cncl. Cody Miller	Present	
Cncl. Pres., Bart McIlvaine	Present	
Mayor Daniel Teefy	Present	
Solicitor Charles Fiore	Present	
Business Administrator, Kevin Heydel	Present	
Engineer, Kathryn Cornforth	Present	
Dir. Of Code Enforcement, George Reitz		Excused
Dir. Of Public Safety, Jim Smart	Present	
Dir. Of Public Works, Michael Calvello	Present	
Dir. Comm. Development, Rosemary Flaherty	Present	
Dir. Of Finance Karyn Paccione	Present	
Deputy Mayor Andy Potopchuk		Excused
Police Chief, John McKeown	Present	
Municipal Clerk, Susan McCormick	Present	

PRESENTATION

- **Certificate of Recognition Eagle Scout - Timothy McBride**

Mayor Teefy and Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine presented **Timothy McBride** with a Certificate of Recognition for completing his Eagle Leadership project "Design, Construction And Installation Of Bird Houses" in the senior community of Holiday City and for attaining the highest and most coveted rank in scouting "Eagle Scout". **Timothy** explained his project included building nine bird houses that were located around Holiday City to provide a sanctuary for local birds and give the local residents an opportunity to watch the birds.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cncl. Dilks made a motion to approve the minutes of the Council Work Session and Regular Council Meeting of February 13, 2017. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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B.) CORRESPONDENCE - None

C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to open the Resolutions Scheduled-Public Portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. With no one wishing to speak **Cncl. Miller** made a motion to close the Resolutions Scheduled-Public Portion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:87-2017 Resolution approving The Bill List For The Council Meeting Of February 27, 2017.

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution R:87-2017. The motion was seconded **Cncl. Marino** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:88-2017 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Approving Participation In The 2017 Safe And Secure Communities Program With The State Of New Jersey Federal Grant Program Administered By The Division Of Criminal Justice Department Of Law And Public Safety

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution R:88-2017. The motion was seconded **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:89-2017 Resolution Appointing Member To The Monroe Township Economic Development Commission (*Unexpired Term 12/31/17*)

Cncl. Miller made a motion to open nominations for a member of the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Cncl. Dilks nominated **Rick Coe** as a member to the Monroe Township Economic Development Commission. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia**.

With no other nominations **Cncl. Miller** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON RICK COE AS A MEMBER OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - 5 AYES, 2 NAYS (Heffner, McIlvaine)**

Tally: 6 Ayes, 2 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Nomination of **Rick Coe** as a member of the Economic Development Commission was duly approved.

R:90-2017 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Waiving The Requirements Of Chapter 109 "Circuses And Carnivals" As To An Annual Event Referred To As "Jeeps" Located At Racks Bar & Grill Within The Township Of Monroe

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution R:90-2017. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine**.

Cncl. Dilks referred to emails he saw and noted there was concern that this went through the right process. **Solicitor Fiore** explained this is a yearly event but the Zoning Officer did have a question about it. He explained it is not similar to the one that gave rise to amending the ordinance. That event was a larger full scale activity that involved cars parking on the Black Horse Pike and pedestrian traffic. This business/property owner has requested a waiver of the process and this resolution is simply memorizing something that has been occurring on that property for the last several years. There will be no additional traffic on the highway or any pedestrian traffic so it is Council's decision whether or not to grant the waiver or make her pay the application fee. **Cncl. Dilks** questioned how long the process would take. Mr. Fiore explained they would need to file an application, pay the \$500.00 fee, submit a safety plan to the Chief of Police, which was recommended in the resolution, submit a zoning application and pay the zoning application fee of \$75.00. **Cncl. Miller** questioned when this event was taking place.

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C.) RESOLUTIONS SCHEDULED - PUBLIC PORTION (cont'd)

The Clerk advised in April. Cncl. Miller questioned traditionally would something like this would go through the Zoning Official and how long the process would take. **Mrs. Flaherty** noted they could come in this week and we could have them approved the same day. Solicitor Fiore advised there is a procedure whereby Council can waive this requirement. If they want to go through with the process that would be fine but he felt it was not the intention of the ordinance to deal with individual established businesses that hold an event in their parking lot. The other circumstance was the Estates at Monroe where we had a huge event with thousands of people and the police department had concerns. Mr. Fiore noted he thought it would be good to bring this forward simply because we are trying to be business friendly but he will defer it to the Zoning Officer since public safety is involved and if the process will not be delayed. Cncl. Dilks noted he would like it to go through the process to ensure safety issues are set up properly because he does not want what happened at the Knights of Columbus last year to happen again. Solicitor Fiore noted the owner of Racks would be glad to have that many people attend but this is a smaller event to help raise money for law enforcement. That doesn't remove the process so if that is what Council's pleasure is the resolution can either be removed or tabled and addressed at a future meeting. **Mayor Teefy** suggested a representative of Racks meet with Rosemary and Officer Burton to discuss their safety plan and whether they will have a plan in place if the event would become larger than expected. We are not trying to make money off this we just want to make sure every precaution is in place. **Mrs. Flaherty** noted it would also include the Fire Official as well because of tents. She noted last year when High End Car Stereos had their event at Racks we followed the same process. **Township Clerk, Susan McCormick** explained Racks submitted an application to ABC for extension of premise for this affair and that has come to her and the Chief of Police for approval. Normally that was the only application and approval needed to hold this affair. She questioned and requested clarification on whether Racks would now have to come to Council and pay fees for a license, a zoning permit and construction permits. Solicitor Fiore noted Racks will go through the whole process unless it is waived by Council but from what he is hearing Council wants them to go through the process but they still have an option to waive the fees. Cncl. Dilks noted he would waive the fees but he wants them to go through the process to ensure they are set up safely for the nearby residents.

Cncl. Miller made a motion to remove Resolution R:90-2017 from the agenda. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks**.

Cncl. Marino questioned whether the owner would go through the Chief of Police to come up with a safety plan, if there was a plan to have police out there since people could be crossing the pike and if this is a one day event. Council noted it is a one day event and those were the issues that would be discussed in the meeting.

Council voted all in favor to remove Resolution R:90-2017 from the meeting agenda.

Chief McKeown requested clarification. He noted the ABC process in this case is an extension of the existing premise and that actually takes place independently of other township permitting. The Township Clerk explained that is the first step in the application process and then it comes to us for approval. This type of event held by Racks never went through the new process of licensing or other fees as the ordinance was just amended last August. The Chief noted he wanted clarification since he receives ABC applications that won't be approved until local regulations are satisfied. Cncl. Miller suggested Council consider waiving the application fees since this event is being held for the Police Unity Tour.

Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine noted he wants to be business friendly and does not want to make people jump through hoops to get things done in this town but as Mr. Fiore always reminds us we need to be consistent so if the rules say this is the way it should go then it should be done for public safety reasons. **Mrs. McCormick** questioned whether Council wanted her to contact the property owner and advise her of this process. Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine answered yes, as the owner will need to contact Mrs. Flaherty to begin the process and then it will come back to Council to waive the fees.

R:91-2017 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Request For Proposals (RFP) For A Business Entity To Provide Billing Services For The Monroe Township Ambulance And Rescue Association Within The Township Of Monroe

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Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution R:91-2017. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. DiLucia** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:92-2017 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Request For Proposals (RFP) For A Business Entity To Provide A Beer & Wine Garden Concession At The Town Appreciation Music Festival Within The Township Of Monroe

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution R:92-2017. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:93-2017 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Accepting Land Sale Bids From Township Owned Property Known As Block 3401, Lot 3, Authorizing And Ratifying A Contract For Sale Regarding Same Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13(A) And Authorizing The Solicitor To Prepare Deed Of Conveyance

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution R:93-2017. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:94-2017 Emergency Temporary Resolution Prior To Adoption Of The Budget Township Of Monroe, County Of Gloucester (*Emergency Temporary # 3*)

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:94-2017. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:95-2017 Resolution Authorizing Closed Executive Session Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Discuss B&B Auto V. Township Of Monroe, Et Al. And Pontano/Corkery Lane Improvements

Cncl. Heffner made a motion to approve Resolution R:95-2017. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marino** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

R:96-2017 Resolution Appointing Member To Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority

Cncl. Miller made a motion to open nominations to the Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

Cncl. Dilks nominated **Bob Simone** as a member to the Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski**.

Cncl. Heffner nominated **Rob Bender** as a member to the Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority. The nomination was seconded by **Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine**.

With no other nominations **Cncl. Dilks** made a motion to close nominations. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE FOR BOB SIMONE AS A MEMBER TO THE MONROE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY - 5 AYES, 2 NAYS (Heffner, McIlvaine)

Tally: 5 Ayes, 2 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Nomination of **Bob Simone** as a member to the Monroe Township Municipal Utilities Authority was duly approved.

R:97-2017 Resolution Of Support Authorizing The Sustainable Jersey Grant Application For The Community Garden Grant On Behalf Of Sustainable Monroe

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution R:97-2017. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

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D.) ORDINANCES

Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine turned this portion of the meeting over to **Ordinance Committee Chairman, Cncl. Heffner**. **Cncl. Miller** made a motion to open the Public Hearing for Ordinances O:08-2017 through O:11-2017. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine** and approved by all members of Council. With no one wishing to speak **Cncl. Garbowski** made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

O:08-2017 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 175 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Entitled "Land Management" (Affordable Housing)

Second Reading: The above ordinance was published in an official publication for the Township of Monroe. This portion was opened to the public.

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance O:08-2017 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks**.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:08-2017 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - ALL AYES

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:08-2017 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:09-2017 Calendar Year 2017 Ordinance To Exceed The Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits And To Establish A Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

Second Reading: The above ordinance was published in an official publication for the Township of Monroe. This portion was opened to the public.

Cncl. Miller made a motion to approve Ordinance O:09-2017 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine**.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:09-2017 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - ALL AYES

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:09-2017 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:10-2017 An Ordinance Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe To Amend Chapter 249 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe, Entitled "Streets And Sidewalks"

Second Reading: The above ordinance was published in an official publication for the Township of Monroe. This portion was opened to the public.

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Ordinance O:10-2017 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marino**.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:10-2017 FOR SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING - ALL AYES

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:10-2017 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:11-2017 An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 267 Of The Code Of The Township Of Monroe Entitled "Vehicles And Traffic" (§267-45 Schedule XII No Passing Zones)

Second Reading: The above ordinance was published in an official publication for the Township of Monroe. This portion was opened to the public.

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Ordinance O:11-2017 for Second Reading and Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Miller**

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D.) ORDINANCES (cont'd)

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O:11-2017 FOR SECOND READING AND
PUBLIC HEARING - ALL AYES**

Tally: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent. Ordinance O:11-2017 was duly approved for Second Reading and Public Hearing.

O:12-2017 An Ordinance Authorizing The Township Of Monroe To Enter Into A Lease With The Sustainable Monroe Township For The Use Of A Portion Of Block 1701, Lot 13, More Commonly Known As The Township Library, For A Community Garden

First Reading: A copy of this ordinance was posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex. Additional copies were made available to the public.

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Ordinance O:12-2017 for First Reading and Publication. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

E.) REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Cncl. DiLucia reported attending the last MMUA meeting. He also reported conducting a meeting with the MMUA Superintendent, Director of Operations Jerry Moore, Public Works Superintendent Mike Calvello and Police Chief John McKeown to address the shared service issues that were discussed during the last Council Meeting. Cncl. DiLucia was happy with the results of that meeting as he felt it was very productive with both entities reaching an understanding on operational procedures and how to communicate in the future to have a better relationship, as the goal is to better serve the residents of this town. He went on to speak of discussions in Washington regarding Medicare, which many people view as something the elderly or disabled get for free but people, including those still working, have paid for their whole lives. Money is taken out of monthly Social Security checks to pay for Medicare Part B, which covers 20% of doctors, x-rays, etc. That cost is over \$1,200.00 per year per person so a husband and wife will pay over \$2,400.00 for that plus they are forced to purchase a supplementary policy to cover prescriptions as well as the cost Medicare Part B does not cover. That policy can cost anywhere from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 a year and when added to the other \$2,400.00 it ends up being very costly and it is going up every year. Washington legislators are attempting to critique Medicare in a bad manner that would eliminate many services and increase many charges. AARP is sending letters out every day asking the elderly to contact senators and congressmen because instead of providing Medicare they want to create a voucher system that would give a person X amount of money to purchase medical insurance, which would in effect privatize it. If that happens it will be a horror show that may be close to being a reality as legislators are really digging into that issue and something might be out shortly on that. Another issue is Social Security as it currently exists. Economist estimate by the year 2032 if nothing is done that fund will be kaput so changes need to be made. AARP is recommending the cap of \$100,000.00 Social Security is paid on be raised, as that would be enough to fund Social Security for years to come. That would be an easy fix. Young people feel it does not affect them but any changes made will not be for those currently on Social Security but for future recipients and everyone, whether Republican, Democrat or Independent should be concerned because it is going to affect all of us. Cncl. DiLucia reported the Budget Committee (*DiLucia, Heffner & Miller*) held a meeting with the Mayor and the Business Administrator and together a very solid budget with a zero percent municipal increase was worked out.

Cncl. Heffner reported attending the Planning Board Meeting on February 23rd where a site plan waiver was granted for 1041 Glassboro Road (*the Business Park*) for Tropical Blend Café, which will be a healthy alternative eating establishment. Other site plan waivers granted were for 1840 Black Horse Pike (*Walmart*) for a pickup area on the left hand side of the building and 1351 Black Horse Pike (*The Estates*) for a storage unit behind the building. The Public Hearing for a 19 home subdivision scheduled was cancelled, as that will be going before the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Cncl. Heffner commended the Business Administrator for providing good information during the Budget Committee Meeting. He noted no one wants taxes to go up and zero percent feels good but we must also keep in mind every year costs go up just like in our homes and the cost of running this town went up about \$900,000.00 this year. That increase is

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being offset by money coming back to the township and by some good work by the BA and the Budget Committee thus we were able to get to zero percent. Next year it may be a little harder. The cost of running the town will go up 2% to 3% and the money we have coming in should help offset that but after next year no more money will come in and at some point we have to make up that 2% to 3% difference. No one wants taxes to go up but every year the cost to run the town increases. We don't know how the County property reassessment will affect the 2018 taxes plus we lost just under \$4,000,000.00 in assessed values on commercial properties this year and we anticipate about \$8,000,000.00 next year. That revenue must be made up so he cautioned residents not to get used to a zero percent tax increase because that cannot continue. He commended the Budget Committee for doing a great job and Mr. Heydel for all the information he gave Council. Cncl. Heffner also reported the Monroe Township Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 8th at Owens Park beginning at 12:00 noon. He urged people to be on time noting the Parks and Rec Commission hides about 10,000 eggs and it is amazing how fast those eggs disappear so if anyone shows up at 12:02 the hunt will be over. The rain date will be April 9th.

Cncl. Marino reported attending the Board of Education Meeting on February 2nd. One item on the agenda was to implement a uniform policy since ten variations of the braves head and the W are on uniforms. There was controversy over some of the uniforms purchased through boosters but that has been worked out with the coaches, administration and principal. He also reported attending an Economic Development Commission Meeting on February 13th where discussion took place regarding potential redevelopment areas. The Commission also discussed the tax card program. They want to work on getting sponsors for this program and possibly using interns or seniors to assist with the program, which will promote local businesses and keep local dollars in town. He noted he would update Council on this after the next EDC meeting. Cncl. Marino congratulated Bob Simone on his appointment to the MMUA and Rick Coe on his EDC appointment. Both men are very experienced, as Rick has a background in real estate and development/construction contracts, which will be a tremendous asset to the EDC and Cncl. Dilks spoke very highly about Bob's knowledge and background for the MUA. Cncl. Marino also commended the Budget Committee for the work they did to bring in a zero percent tax increase. He noted he knocked on thousands of doors while campaigning during the primary and general elections and those residents deserve a tax break from the money coming in even if it is for only one or two years.

Cncl. Miller reported on March 16th the Gloucester County Chamber of Commerce, Paulsboro Chamber of Commerce, Washington Township Chamber of Commerce and Williamstown Chamber of Commerce will sponsor "The Rotary Means Business" event at the Estates of Monroe. All proceeds will benefit veterans. Approximately 200 people will be in attendance supporting local businesses. The cost to register is \$25.00. Cncl. Miller also reported he had the opportunity to testify at the Assembly Education Committee Meeting held to discuss the school funding formula. Based on the current formula Monroe Township is underfunded \$6.6 million of the 100% funding that we are entitled to under the current reform act. There was also a growth cap added by the State legislature in 2008 and because of that growth cap we have seen an influx of students, which means Monroe Township is entitled to an additional \$15,300,000.00 that we have not received. The Senate passed their variation of it with the leadership of Senator Steve Sweeney, who is working to appoint a committee called "Formula for Success", which will be an independent panel that will take politics out of school funding right now. What we are seeing around the State is that legislators do not want to act because based on the current funding formula some school districts are being over funded. Washington Township is currently over funded while Monroe is only funded 85% not 100% and there are other northern counties in a similar predicament. He noted he was please to testify with other Councilmembers and superintendents from other municipalities to urge the Assembly to move on this like the Senate has. This would be a much needed tax relief for the residents of Monroe Township. He added Monroe Township Superintendent of Schools Chuck Earling is fighting for this as well.

Mayor Teefy reported two productive meetings were held regarding improvements to the Route 322 and Fries Mill Road intersection. Senator Madden, Assemblyman Moriarty, representatives from the County, DOT, the township and all four property owners were in attendance and we are much closer than we have ever been in getting this approved by the State. Kathryn Cornforth and Dave Cella are working with Land Dimensions and the County and hopefully the final plan will be submitted in May. The State and County have stepped up and

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committed some money so the extra gas tax we are paying will be coming to Monroe. Once the approval is received we will be moving forward to fix that intersection. The Mayor reported Dr. Briller has begun demolishing the white building next to his office and will rebuild a new building with apartments on top and a restaurant on the bottom. The local ordinance states when a property is sold on Main Street in the town center it must be made into a business on the bottom and apartment on the top. Recently 13th Child Brewery received ABC approval and will be moving forward with their new facility in the old bank on Main Street. Cross Keys Brewery, which will be located in the Old Chaps building is still waiting for their ABC approval. Mayor Teefy reported Council and the Administration did a good job this year in bringing a zero budget forward. The Mayor noted he has the same concerns as Cncl. Heffner in regards to the zero budget because we do not want taxes to spike down the road so we will be working to stay away from that. Included in the budget is a capital plan for road improvement that will take place over the next six to seven years. Corkery Lane between the Black Horse Pike and Malaga Road will be paved this spring. The Mayor noted that roadway is approximately a third of a mile and will cost between \$500,000.00 and \$600,000.00 to pave since that portion of the roadway has not been paved in 30 to 40 years and needs a full reconstruction.

Chief of Police John McKeown reported on Friday he attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for the "Real Time Intelligence Center" at the Gloucester County Police Academy. This Center is a partnership between the State Police Regional Operational Intelligence Center and local, county and federal law enforcement to provide intelligence information that is usable to the southern six New Jersey counties. What we were finding was the information we were getting from Trenton was not specific enough in the southern counties so this was designed to provide us with useful intelligence to solve crimes such as burglary rings in the county or narcotic activities linked to shoplifting in multiple communities. We will be hearing more about this Center now that it is operational as we will be seeing the benefits of it.

Cncl. Pres., McIlvaine thanked the Mayor and Kevin for the budget they put forth, as they worked hard on it. He reported as part of the Public Safety Committee he met with the fire chiefs from both fire companies and the paid and volunteer chief of Monroe Township Ambulance and Rescue and everybody cut something from their budget. They need equipment to do the job but they are all hardworking taxpayers that gave something up and he couldn't be prouder of them. The Budget Committee did an outstanding job and as a taxpayer, who pays about \$1,000.00 a month is glad for the zero percent this year but has the same concerns as Cncl. Heffner because as long as we continue services costs will increase and we need to keep that in mind. He went on to speak about what has transpired in Jewish Cemeteries throughout the Country and noted he finds that appalling and feels the entire Country is in disarray right now. We are extremely separated and need to come together as Americans or we will be vulnerable to more terrorist's attacks. We are all Americans regardless of your religion or race and we all deserve peace and a great life that everyone can get here in America. This type of behavior, at least in his perspective, will not be tolerated and he urged everyone to come together as Americans and stop this type of behavior.

F.) GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Cncl. Miller made a motion to open the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Marino** and unanimously approved by all members of Council. With no one wishing to speak **Cncl. Miller** made a motion to close the General Public Discussion. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Garbowski** and unanimously approved by all members of Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Solicitor Fiore noted Council just concluded a Closed Executive Session where discussion took place regarding the B & B vs. Monroe Township settlement. Council is going to take action to approve the execution of the settlement agreement and pay the sum set forth in that agreement. The Resolution has been prepared.

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R:98-2017 Resolution Of The Township Council Of The Township Of Monroe Authorizing The Settlement With Respect To B&B Auto Repair Services, Inc. And Dominic Burgese In The Litigation Captioned "John G. Simmermon, III ET AL vs. Monroe Township, ET AL" Docket No. L-227-14 And "B&B Auto Repair Services, Inc. And Dominic Burgese vs. Township Of Monroe, ET AL, Docket No. L-130-16.

Cncl. Garbowski made a motion to approve Resolution R:98-2017. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks**.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION R:98-2017
6 AYES, 1 ABSTAIN WITH CAUSE (Miller)

Tally: 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstain With Cause, 0 Absent. Resolution R:98-2017 was duly approved for adoption.

G.) ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss **Cncl. Heffner** made a motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting of February 27, 2017. The motion was seconded by **Cncl. Dilks** and unanimously approved by all members of Council in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan McCormick, RMC
Township Clerk



Presiding Officer

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting of February 27, 2017 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings. The official tape may be heard in the Office of the Township Clerk upon proper notification pursuant to the Open Public Records Law.

Approved as submitted _____ *sm* _____
Approved as corrected _____

Date 3/13/17
Date _____